

# MIGRANT AND SEASONAL FARMWORKERS WITH A DISABILITY

**THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATIONAL  
AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES TO FARMWORKERS WHO HAVE A DISABILITY**

## Eligibility Criteria

One must have earned wages on a farm or ranch in any twelve consecutive months within the last two years, earned at least 50% of his/her income in farm labor or spent 50% of his/her time in farm work. If unemployed most of the year, the minimum amount earned must be at least \$800, or a minimum time worked of 25 days. If the individual has been incarcerated, hospitalized or has a mental or physical disability, the two-year time period can be extended. Dependents of the farmworker are also eligible for services. There are no income guidelines for farmworkers with disabilities.

## Training Available

- *Classroom Training:* A monthly allocation is expended to the student for assistance with school costs. A portion of the tuition may be paid. Training may be technical training, ESL, GED, Life Skills, Worker Safety Training or a College degree program.
- *On-The-Job Training:* Training is conducted at a worksite for a specific job - 50% of the wages are reimbursed for a period of time to be determined by the job skills of the client.
- *Work Experience:* Client is employed at a non-profit organization, farmworker program pays 100% of the wages for a set period of time.

## Other Services Available

- Emergency supportive services - rent, food, transportation, etc.
- Referrals to cooperating agencies
- Job search assistance
- Interpretation assistance

### BLACK HILLS SPECIAL SERVICES

#### Office Locations

Sioux Falls: (800) 726-9026

Pierre: (800) 224-5336

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